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Re: New U.S. Patent Application of:

Applicant: Nicholas Bouthors et al.

For : DATA CONSULTATION OPTIMISATION METHOD, BY

MEANS OF A NETWORK ARCHITECTURE COMPONENT

Our File: C66.12-0005

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers in connection with the above-identified patent application:

1. Complete specification and claims.

29 pages Specification

9 pages claims

1 page Abstract

- 2. Unexecuted Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages).
- 3. 6 sheets of drawings.
- 4. File Data Sheet
- 5. Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449 and cited references

The filing fee is not enclosed with this communication. Pursuant to 35 USC § 111 and 37 CFR §§ 1.53(b) and 1.53(f), the filing fee, executed Declaration and executed Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (if applicable) will be filed separately.

A filing date under 37 CFR §§ 1.10(b) and 1.53(b) of September 27, 2001 is respectfully requested. The enclosed materials are being sent "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" as of the date of this letter.

Yours very truly

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